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SUBJECT: CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED

SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

REF: A. STATE 009571, B. STATE A-2755, MARCH 29, 1973

1. ON JAN. 14, US DEPOSITED INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF

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SUBJECT CONVENTION (REFTEL) AND ACCORDING TO LATEST INFOR-

MATION FROM DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENT (SWISS) THIS MAKES US FIRST TO RATIFY IT.

2. AS STATED IN REF AIRGRAM TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION. THE PACE OF EXTERMINATION OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS HAS DRAMATICALLY INCREASED IN THE PAST TWO DECADES. OUR BEST INFORMATION, WHICH IS FOR ANIMALS, SHOWS THAT, ACCORDING TO A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE, SPECIES ARE DISAPPEARING AT THE RATE OF ONE PER YEAR AND THERE IS EVERY REASON TO EXPECT THAT RATE WILL INCREASE UNLESS INTERNATIONAL MEASURES SUCH AS THE CONVENTION ARE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT DELAY. AT LEAST ONE IN EVERY 10 SPECIES OF MAMMALS IS NOW CONSIDERED TO BE THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION; SOME SCIENTISTS SAY THE FIGURE SHOULD BE TWICE THAT HIGH.

3. THE DANGER OF A SPECIAL DESTRUCTIVE DEMAND FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES BEING GENERATED BY THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONVENTION DURING THE PERIOD PRIOR TO ITS ENTRY INTO FORCE AND OF ITS APPENDICES BEING USED AS A "SHOPPING LIST" FOR PLANTS AND ANIMALS IS EVIDENTLY BEGINNING TO MATERIALIZE. AS WORD OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONVENTION HAS SPREAD, WE HAVE NOTED AN INCREASED INTEREST AMONG USERS IN THE ANIMALS NAMED ON THE APPENDICES. WE FEAR STOCKPILING MAY BEGIN.

4. ALL POSTS SHOULD FOLLOW UP THEIR ORIGINAL APPROACH TO THE HOST GOVERNMENTS AND, DRAWING UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REF AIRGRAM AND ABOVE, AGAIN URGE EXPEDITIOUS ACTION ON CONVENTION. IN SOME CASES, FOLLOW-UP MAY BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF MADE TO NON-GOVERNMENT SOURCES. APPRECIATE EMBASSIES' JUDGMENT IN DECIDING MOST EFFECTIVE CHANNEL. PRESENTATION SHOULD BE MADE IN MANNER TO SHOW WILDLIFE IS NOT RPT NOT EXCLUSIVELY US CONCERN, BUT INSTEAD IS MATTER OF GLOBAL INTEREST.

5. THE FOLLOWING STATES, TOTALLING 41, HAVE SIGNED CONVENTION: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, REPUBLIC OF CHINA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CYPRUS, DENMARK, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GUATEMALA, IRAN, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, KHMER REPUBLIC, LUXEM-  
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BOURG, MALAGASY REPUBLIC, MAURITIUS, MOROCCO, NIGER, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, SOUTH AFRICA, SUDAN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TANZANIA, THAILAND, TOGO, TUNISIA, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM. US IS ONLY STATE THAT HAS RATIFIED CONVENTION. RATIFICATION BY 10 STATES IS NEEDED FOR CONVENTION TO ENTER INTO FORCE.

6. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SWEDEN (STOCKHOLM 0033) IS WELL ON WAY TOWARD RATIFICATION. THEREFORE IN THIS CASE AND OTHERS WHERE RATIFICATION APPEARS CERTAIN WITHIN SHORT PERIOD POSTS MAY DECIDE NOT MAKE APPROACH.

7. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS SOONEST.

8. BERN: PLEASE ALSO TRANSMIT ARGUMENTATION FOR ACTION ON CONVENTION TO PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN AND TO SWISS FOR REPUBLIC OF CUBA.

9. BONN: PLEASE ALSO TRANSMIT ARGUMENTATION FOR ACTION ON CONVENTION TO FRG FOR REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO.

10. CANBERRA: PLEASE ALSO TRANSMIT ARGUMENTATION FOR ACTION ON CONVENTION TO REPUBLIC OF NAURU.

11. COLOMBO: PLEASE ALSO TRANSMIT ARGUMENTATION FOR ACTION ON CONVENTION TO MALDIVE ISLANDS.

12. MOSCOW: PLEASE ALSO TRANSMIT ARGUMENTATION FOR ACTION ON CONVENTION TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOR GDR.

13. SUVA: PLEASE ALSO TRANSMIT ARGUMENTATION FOR ACTION ON CONVENTION TO KINGDOM OF TONGA.

14. WELLINGTON: PLEASE ALSO TRANSMIT ARGUMENTATION FOR ACTION ON CONVENTION O GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA.

15. FOR USUN: PLEASE ALSO TRANSMIT ARGUMENTATION FOR ACTION ON CONVENTION TO UNITED NATIONS OF FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA, KINGDOM OF BHUTAN, MONGOLIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF UNCLASSIFIED

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16. NICE: PLEASE ALSO TRANSMIT ARGUMENTATION FOR ACTION ON CONVENTION TO MONACO.

17. FLORENCE: PLEASE ALSO TRANSMIT ARGUMENTATION FOR ACTION ON CONVENTION TO SAN MARINO. RUSH

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